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Mr. Howard Simons
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Dear Howard:

I am enclosing not one, but two, columns to fill the timeless slot(s). I think when you do get around to using No. 3 it should be with the intention of following up fairly soon with No. 4. Nothing is really quite outside of time, and I imagine it would be a good idea to run these within the next year or two at the outside. However, I will keep an eye on current events and if there is any compelling incident, will revise these accordingly. Please do not hesitate to tell me on your own initiative if you think some very proper time might arrive for using them - for example, it seems a reasonable probability that Nirenberg will be awarded a Nobel Prize before too long for his work on the code, and I don't know whether that would be a good occasion to fit it in or not. If there is such an announcement, and that is the occasion for running them, then there probably ought to be some reference to him as "recently announced Nobel Prize winner", or something like that, to identify him. I don't have any special information to suggest that this is going to be his year, though I would guess the cycle might very well be coming round to molecular biology again. I mention this just in case you want to be prepared on a (relatively) local boy makes good theme.

Sincerely yours,

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